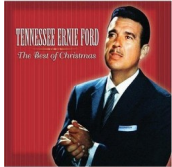


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01. *White Christmas* 2:02 02. *O' Come All Ye Faithful* 2:52 03. *Good King Wenceslas* 2:22
04. *The Little Drummer Boy* 2:53 05. *O' Christmas Tree! (O' Tannenbaum)* 2:56 06. *Away In A Manger* 2:39 07. *St. Luke 2:6-9* 0:47 08. *Joy To The World* 1:47 09. *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* 2:33 10. *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* 2:11 [play](#) 11. *O' Little Town of Bethlehem* 3:05 12. *St. Luke 2:1-5* 0:45 13. *We Three Kings* 2:15
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14. *Silent Night* 2:39 15. *Adeste Fideles* 2:33 16. *Sleep, My Little Lord Jesus* 3:07

The Best of Christmas from Ernie Ford is still "The Star Carol". Oh that someone would remaster that classic album! This CD is very acceptable and has at least two (that I can remember) cuts from "The Star Carol": *Adeste Fideles* and *Sleep, My Little Lord Jesus*. I found the addition of the children's voices somewhat overpowering and a bit annoying at times, especially as all I wanted to hear was Ernie alone. I wonder if most cuts weren't from some TV special? Still, it's a very nice Christmas collection with most of the songs reflecting the Christian values of Jesus' birth. ---Christmas Girl (Phoenix, AZ USA)

Tennessee Ernie Ford has quite a few Christmas collections on the market, but Fuel 2000's *The Best of Christmas* is the definitive one. Across 16 tracks, Ford lets his iron-jawed baritone frolic among choirs of angelic background singers, heavenly strings, and gently parping horns. Included are many holiday nuggets like "Silent Night," "The Little Drummer Boy," "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," and "Joy to the World," done very faithfully and close to the vest. You may need to look elsewhere if you are looking for a Christmas record to bowl you over with high spirits and good cheer, but if you want a four-squared traditional holiday record suitable for

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